

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Vol. IX. No. 9. Supplement. London. 1849. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

The American Journal of Science and Arts. Conducted by Professors Silliman and Dana. Second Series. No. 24. Nov. 1849. New Haven. 8vo.—*From the Editors.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. VII. No. 83. Nov. 1849. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Lea & Blanchard.*

The African Repository and Colonial Journal. Vol. XXV. No. 11. Nov. 1849. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*

The Minutes of the Board of Officers and Council, at their last meeting, were read.

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*Stated Meeting, December 7.*

Present, sixteen members.

Dr. PATTERSON, President, in the Chair.

The following letter, from the Secretary of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, was read.

*“ Philadelphia, 6th Dec. 1849.*

CHARLES B. TREGO, Esq.

Sir,—I have the honour of informing you, that at a meeting of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, held 27th November, your communication was duly received, as well as the resolution adopted by the American Philosophical Society, authorizing its Curators to deposit the fossil organic remains, belonging to the Society, with the Academy of Natural Sciences, upon certain conditions thereto annexed: whereupon it was moved, ‘ That the Curators of this Academy be authorized to receive said collection of organic remains, upon the conditions proposed by the American Philosophical Society, with power to modify said conditions should it appear necessary;’ which, I have great pleasure in informing you, was adopted,

with a high sense of gratitude towards your distinguished Society, for the favour they conferred.

With sentiments of the highest respect,

I am, Sir, your friend and servant,

JOHN CASSIN,

Cor. Sec. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philada."

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The Quarterly Journal of the Chemical Society, of London. No. VII. Oct. 1, 1849. London. 8vo.—*From the Chemical Society.*

Summary of the Transactions of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Vol. II. No. 8. From May 1 to Oct. 2, 1849. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the College of Physicians.*

Letter to the Hon. John M. Clayton, Secretary of State, enclosing a Paper, Geographical, Political and Commercial, on the Independent Oriental Nations; and containing a Plan for opening, extending and protecting American Commerce in the East, &c. By Aaron Haight Palmer, Counsellor of the Supreme Court of the United States. Washington, 1849. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the Warehousing System; made to the Senate of the United States, February 22, 1849. Washington. 8vo.—*From Charles B. Trego, Esq.*

The Medical News and Library: Vol. VII. No. 84. December, 1849. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Lea & Blanchard.*

An Essay on Cause and Effect; being an examination of Hume's doctrine that we can perceive no necessary connexion between them. By George Tucker, late Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Virginia, Member of the American Philosophical Society, &c. Philada., 1850. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Mr. Coles announced the death of Mr. Wm. Short, a member of this Society, which occurred on the 5th inst., in the 91st year of his age.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Report, which was read. New nomination No. 232 was read.

Dr. Franklin Bache, Chairman of the Committee appointed on the 2d November last, on the arrangement and preservation of the "Franklin Manuscript Papers," made a report from

that Committee, recommending the adoption, by the Society, of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to superintend the arrangement of the Franklin Manuscript Papers, in chronological order, with a view to their convenient binding in volumes; with power to engage the services of a person to perform the labour of arranging the papers and preparing a general index to the volumes.

*Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, be appropriated to defray the expenses of arranging the papers, preparing the index, and binding the volumes.

Which resolutions were considered and adopted, and, under the first resolution, a Committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. Franklin Bache, Mr. Ord and Mr. Justice.

*Stated Meeting, December 21.*

Present, eleven members.

Dr. PATTERSON, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From Dr. J. Hughes Bennett, dated Edinburg, 15th Nov. 1849 :—

From Dr. Leidy, dated Philadelphia, 12th December, 1849; both acknowledging the receipt of notice of their election as members of this Society:—

From the Royal Society of London, dated Somerset House, August, 1849, acknowledging the receipt of Vol. X. of the Transactions, and Nos. 36 to 40, inclusive, of the Proceedings of this Society: and,—

From the Historical Society of New Jersey, dated Newark, N. J., 30th November, 1849, announcing the transmission of a donation to this Society.

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Mémoires de l'Académie Royale des Sciences, des Lettres, et des Beaux Arts de Belgique. Tomes XXI. et XXII. Bruxelles, 1848. 4to.—*From the Royal Belgian Academy of Sciences, &c.*

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